

CORN GROWING IN THE SOUTH.

On a single acre of ground in Wakulla county, N. C., a farmer has surprised himself and his neighbors by raising 225 bushels of corn, says the Courier-Journal. This astonishing yield was brought about by the use of good seed corn and careful fertilization and cultivation.

J. F. Batts, of Garner, is the man who achieved this result and the proofs of his achievement are on file in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina. Eight years ago Mr. Batts says, the same land was producing only five bushels to the acre. His experimental acre of corn has given him a handsome profit. At the prevailing prices for corn in North Carolina it was worth nearly \$200, but he has disposed of it for seed corn for a much better figure. Now he proposes to plant twenty to thirty acres and give it the same attention he gave the single acre. He does not expect to maintain the 225-bushel record, but he hopes to show a yield far above the average.

In December last the United States Demonstrating Bureau awarded prizes to boys' corn clubs. The awards for the best fields in the South were: Mississippi, 147 bushels; North Carolina, 135; Virginia, 127; South Carolina, 132. In Mississippi other reports were 145, 125 and 116 bushels to the acre. Yields reported from other points in the South are Orangefield, S. C., 105; Greenville, S. C., 120; Pickens, S. C., 100; St. Matthews, S. C., 100. Alabama reported prize yields of 112, 125 and 142 bushels to the acre.

These figures show what can be done in the way of growing corn in the South. The figures are taken from the Southern Field, a monthly publication issued by the Southern Railway. They are authentic, and similar results are being attained in many parts of the South where interest has been stimulated in these corn-raising contests. They emphasize the fact that the South is making agricultural progress and that its people are waking up to the possibilities of scientific farming.

A Sad Death.

The death of Mr. Cecil Weber Con, which occurred on Saturday afternoon, March 12, 1910, at the home of his uncle, Mr. Herbert P. Smith, near Gainesville, Fla., has cast a gloom over a large circle of friends here and elsewhere.

A few years ago, while quite a boy, Cecil, with his mother and brothers, moved to Alton, Ga., from Gainesville, Fla., where he resided until last fall, when he returned to his native State, hoping to be benefitted by the mild winter climate.

Two years ago, after a severe attack of influenza, Cecil contracted tuberculosis, which, in spite of the efforts of skilled physicians and the climate of the Western States and Mexico, developed rapidly, and this excellent young man, just twenty-one years of age, succumbed to the ravages of this most awful disease, with which medical science has so far combated unsuccessfully.

Always bright and cheerful, he never murmured at his weakness and suffering, which confined him entirely to his bed, but felt that whatever God willed was best. He gave his young life into God's keeping and it was his abiding faith in his All-Wise Savior which enabled him, while talking with a friend only a short time before his death, to say: "I am satisfied with everything." And again: "I am prepared to go, my only regret is leaving my mother and brother." This heartbroken little mother was called upon a little more than three years ago to give up her oldest son in much the same way.

It is sad for death to claim one so young and full of promise and hope but God knows what is best for his children.

While the grief at parting seems more than can be borne, let us turn to the sweet promises of reunion in the beautiful home which God has prepared for His children, and so live that when our frail bodies, time-worn, temptation-sick, drift us toward the shores of Eternity we shall have our blessed Savior as Pilot to the harbor of everlasting joy, there to greet, not the emaciated forms of our loved ones as we last saw them, but their sweet spirits radiantly beautiful and happy, thus reunited for evermore.

A. FRASER.

Mr. A. G. Goodbody is planting an acre in sea island cotton, from which he expects to get a bale of lint. He has experimented with the long staple variety, long fibers, and found much less profit in it than in the short staple variety.

Mr. Gayle McCord went to Pensacola on legal business this week.

MAKING LOCOMOTIVES HERE.

What a Gentleman is Doing in the Manufacturing Line.

Mr. W. G. Merrill, at his shop on Railroad avenue, has just completed the first locomotive erected in Tallahassee since the war. It is to be used by the Ocklawaha Brick Company in their yards.

Mr. Merrill is a brother of the noted Merrill machinists in Jacksonville, and this product of his handwork is greatly admired and should be the formation for a big industry in Tallahassee.

WALKER & BLACK

Are Moving Their Stock Into the Store Formerly Occupied by Duval Brothers.

The business of Walker & Black having outgrown their present quarters, they have leased the elegant storeroom, formerly occupied by Duval Brothers, and began moving their stock there this morning.

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MR. L. C. VAGGEL

Visits to Solicitation of Friends and Neighbors a Candidate for the Legislature.

Mr. L. C. Vaggel, being urgently solicited by many people of the county to become a candidate for the legislature, yields, and his announcement appears elsewhere. Mr. Vaggel is personally and intimately known from one end of the county to the other, is a gentleman of moral worth and business integrity, and his friends will rally loyally to his support.

Easter at Leon County Jail.

Mrs. R. H. Gamble requests that the good people of Tallahassee will help to give the inmates of the Leon County jail a good breakfast on Easter morning. Eggs, ham, bacon, and anything else will be appreciated. It is asked that any articles meant for that purpose will be sent to her home on the Saturday before Easter, as she will hold service at the jail at 9 o'clock on Easter morning. She also asks for magazines.

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ELEGANT NEW BUILDING.

Will be Erected on Present Site of Constantine Hotel.

On last Saturday Mr. W. C. Hedges purchased the Constantine Hotel building, at corner of Monroe and Jefferson streets, and this fall will tear away the present structure and erect thereon an elegant office building.

The site is a very convenient one for business, and it is his desire to improve it with an up-to-date building. The State is very much in need of offices for the Railroad Commission, there not being room in the Capitol for them, and if he can secure a lease from the State for these offices he will add an additional story to the building now contemplated.

What The Officers Are Doing.

Sheriff Houston and his deputies have made the following arrests here this week:

Sam Williams, a negro, wanted in Grady county, Ga., for murder. He has been a fugitive from justice for five years.

Joe Neal, a negro wanted in Baker county, Ga., for larceny.

Negro man and woman wanted in Washington county for adultery.

Tom Eddy, a strong negro, was arrested for the theft of \$60 worth of clothes from a negro in Frenchtown. The entire theft was recovered.

Guy Blackshear, negro for embezzlement.

Mr. George W. Bassett, a prominent railroad man of Palatka, spent several days here this week on a visit to his sister, Miss Nellie Bassett.

Miss Bertha Margolin has returned home from a delightful visit to Mrs. C. O. Andrews at D-Funak.

Mr. W. J. Cox has opened up a carriage, blacksmith and horseshoeing shop on West Pensacola street.

An incipient fire at the home of Mr. Julius Diamond caused an alarm to be turned in from box 18 Tuesday.

Mr. E. H. Alford, Jr., returned a few days since from a business trip to South Georgia.

Luther Holloway and Guy Haines are attending the auto races at Daytona.

Mr. Aaron Levy spent several days in Jacksonville this week on business.

W. E. Evans, of Monticello, was in the city Wednesday.

Judge C. B. Parkhill is a prominent visitor at Jacksonville.

M. A. Darton, of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent Thursday here.

Do you save your Royal Scarlet ribbons? They are valuable.

Are you going away? Ride to depot in an auto, only 25c. Phone 691.

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NOTICE.

SALE SCHOOL LANDS.

Tallahassee, Florida, March, 1910.

The State Board of Education will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described land, lying in St. Lucie county, Florida: All of Section 16, in Township 24 south, range 25 east, containing 46.58 acres.

From the date of the first appearance of this notice, or twelve o'clock noon, Monday, April 12, A. D. 1910, all bids will be received by Albert W. Gilchrist, Commissioner of the State Board of Education of the State of Florida.

All bids must be addressed to Albert W. Gilchrist, President of the State Board of Education and marked "Sealed Bid for the Purchase of School Lands."

The State Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the State Board of Education, this the 17th day of March, A. D. 1910.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST,

President.

B. B. MOLIN,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

To All Persons:

Notice is hereby given that the Florida Central Railroad Company has made application to the Railroad Commission of the State of Georgia for a sum of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars, upon all of its franchises and property.

Said application, however, will be heard at ten o'clock a. m. in the office of the Railroad Commission, in Atlanta, Georgia, Thursday, March the 21, 1910.

The notice being given pursuant to order of the Commission, so to do.

This Month 17, 1910.

Florida Central Railroad Company.

By J. L. Phillips, President.

Chas. Phillips, Jr., Secretary.

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Mr. C. G. Myers and family have moved from North Calhoun street to 144 Park avenue.

OVERTAXED.

Hundreds of Tallahassee Residents Know What It Means.

The kidneys are overtaxed.

They tell about it in many aches and pains—</